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Identical letters dated 10 February 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

Armed terrorist groups have committed yet another massacre, this time in the village of Ma'an, Hamah governorate, killing entire families and scores of women, children, the elderly and disabled persons, and destroying several houses, one after the other. The terrorists had attacked this village repeatedly in the recent past and displaced its population in implementation of regional and international plans aimed at undermining the unity of the Syrian people and rending its social fabric.

This massacre is yet further evidence that the terrorists and those who support them are continuing to kill Syrians unabated and proof of their blatant disregard of all efforts to arrive at a credible political process that can end the systematic destruction by these terrorist groups of the Syrian people, its infrastructure and its cultural achievements.

Those who champion counter-terrorism have ignored for too long this malignant threat to Syria, neighbouring countries and the States of the world. They have chosen to use the situation in Syria as a means of making cheap political gains that forward their plans in the region, particularly their desire to dominate the region and its peoples and their capacities. Syria emphasizes that those States that are training, arming, funding and harbouring terrorists and helping them to enter the country and that are marshalling their media to agitate for what they call jihad are responsible for the spread of terrorism and the direct threat it poses to security and peace at the regional and international levels.

Syria calls on the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council to condemn strongly and without delay this massacre and the terrorists who committed it and those who are supporting terrorists and the crimes they are committing in Syria. Now is the moment of truth and clarity and the time to

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implement the Security Council resolutions concerning counter-terrorism, particularly resolution 1373 (2001). The killings being committed by armed terrorist groups in Syria prove once again that the fundamental task before the United Nations, and particularly the Security Council, is to stop violence and counter-terrorism wherever it occurs.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 110 on measures to eliminate international terrorism, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mazen **Adi**
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